

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent polymer based on optionally partially neutralized, monoethylenically unsaturated monomers bearing acid groups, the surface of which polymer has been subjected to secondary crosslinking subsequent to polymerizing, wherein the polymer has cyclodextrins and/or cyclodextrin derivatives bound covalently and/or ~~tonically~~ ionically and/or incorporated therein.

2. (Previously Presented) The polymer according to claim 1, wherein the polymer includes from 0.01 to 50 wt.-% of cyclodextrins and/or cyclodextrin derivatives, relative to the polymer.

3. (Previously Presented) The polymer according to claim 1, wherein a maximum of 85 wt.-% of the amount of cyclodextrins and/or cyclodextrin derivatives in the polymer is extractable with water.

4. (Previously Presented) The polymer according to claim 3, wherein the amount extractable with water is 60 wt.-% at maximum.

5. (Previously Presented) The polymer according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer is constituted up to 40 wt.-% of monoethylenically unsaturated monomers other than the monomers bearing acid groups.

6. (Previously Presented) The polymer according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer has from 0.05 to 3 wt.-% of a crosslinking monomer incorporated by polymerization.